

# House File 482 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requests for approval for early school start  
2 dates and year around schools.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1363YH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.17, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 257.17 AID REDUCTION FOR EARLY SCHOOL STARTS.  
1 4 State aid payments made pursuant to section 257.16 for a  
1 5 fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred=eightieth for  
1 6 each day of that fiscal year for which the school district  
1 7 begins school before the earliest starting date specified in  
1 8 section 279.10, subsection 1. ~~However, this section does not~~  
~~1 9 apply to a school district that has received approval from the~~  
~~1 10 director of the department of education under section 279.10,~~  
~~1 11 subsection 4, to commence classes for regularly established~~  
~~1 12 elementary and secondary schools in advance of the starting~~  
~~1 13 date established in section 279.10, subsection 1.~~  
1 14 Sec. 2. Section 279.10, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
1 15 amended to read as follows:  
1 16 2. The board of directors shall hold a public hearing on  
1 17 any proposal for a pilot program pursuant to subsection 3  
1 18 prior to submitting it a request to the department of  
1 19 education for approval.  
1 20 Sec. 3. Section 279.10, subsection 4, Code 2007, is  
1 21 amended by striking the subsection.  
1 22 EXPLANATION  
1 23 This bill eliminates the department of education's  
1 24 authority to waive the earliest school start date requirement  
1 25 for school districts. The bill makes a conforming change to  
1 26 section 257.17.  
1 27 Currently, the school year can begin no sooner than a day  
1 28 during the calendar week in which the first day of September  
1 29 falls, or, if the first day of September falls on a Sunday, on  
1 30 a day during the calendar week which immediately precedes the  
1 31 first day of September. School districts currently are  
1 32 granted waivers authorizing an earlier start date if the  
1 33 director of the department of education determines that a  
1 34 starting date on or after the earliest starting date would  
1 35 have a significant negative educational impact.  
2 1 The bill includes a technical correction.  
2 2 LSB 1363YH 82  
2 3 kh:nh/je/5.2